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In re Application of
Shlomo Ben-Haim, et al.
Application No. 10/001,710
Filed: October 31, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 20066-86

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313, filed March 7, 2005 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

37 CFR 1.313(c) provides that:

Once the issue fee has been paid, the application will not be withdrawn from issue upon petition by the applicant for any reason except:

(1) Unpatentability of one of more claims, which petition must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable;

(2) Consideration of a submission pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114; or

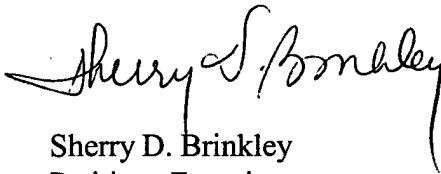
(3) Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application.

See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865, 14873 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47, 54 (Apr. 11, 2000).

Upon payment of the issue fee, an application will not be withdrawn from issue on petition except for the reasons enumerated in 37 CFR 1.313(c). The circumstances of the above-identified application do not fall within any of those exceptions.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being returned to the Office of Patent Publication.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherry D. Brinkley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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